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PINAL REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

FOOD INSECURITY AND NUTRITION

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

RFGA # FTF-RC019-11-0289-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST PINAL REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL FOOD INSECURITY AND NUTRITION GRANT PROGRAM?

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council has identified the need for regional implementation of expanded provision of emergency food boxes for families of children birth through age five services are needed. However, other potential strategies will also be considered. These include, but are not limited to:

- Distribution of a supplemental food packages for children birth through age five to accompany existing food box distribution to families of children birth through age five;
- Bulk purchases of food products or products such as diapers that can be distributed to families through existing distribution efforts, such as provision of emergency food boxes;
- Expansion of voucher programs that enable families with children birth through age five to purchase nutritious food;
- Distribution of infant boxes containing formula, diapers, infant food, or other such commodities to families with young children;
- Provision of resources and information that support the needs of families with young children including, but not limited to, education on diaper hygiene, nutritional value of food, and community resources that support families in need.

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council is seeking applications from providers aimed at addressing food insecurity among families with children birth through age five, who are at risk for hunger and all applicants will adhere to the Standards of Practice. Different food banks across the state currently use varying methods and criteria for determining eligibility for food assistance. Generally, food assistance is not limited to families living in poverty. It is also available to low income families and to families experiencing crises such as unemployment.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$300,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be August 1, 2010 - to June 30, 2011.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

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| April 7, 2010 | RFGA available on-line |
| April 19, 2010 | Pre-Application Conference 10:30 a.m. at First Things First Pinal Regional Office, 1515 E. Florence Blvd., Suite 110 Casa Grande AZ, 85222 |
| May 20, 2010 | Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 9:30 a.m. |
| August 1, 2010 | Anticipated grant awards made |

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after April 7, 2010: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC019-11-0289-00** in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.